

REMARKS

The Examiner has required that Applicant designate one of the inventions that belong to the two identified set of claims as set forth in the Office Action, and then elect to prosecute one of the two groups of claims. Currently, claims 1-32 are pending in the application. Claims 31-32 have been withdrawn.

Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction and elects Group I as identified below for prosecution.

Breakdown of Claims

The Examiner has divided the pending claims into two groups:

Group I-Claims 1-30; and

Group II-Claims 31-32.

Applicant elects Group I.

If the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of these claims that could be clarified with a telephone conference, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to contact Mimi Diemmy Dao at (408) 720-8300.


Deposit Account Authorization

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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